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1. SERIOUSNESS OF PROBLEM DESCRIBED REF A IS CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD BY DEPT., AND EFFORTS OF AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR TO SUSTAIN MALAYSIAN FIRST ASYLUM PRACTICE IN FACE OF GREAT DIFFICULTIES ARE APPLAUDED. AS NOTED IN REF B, HOWEVER, USE OF CE FOR THOSE QUALIFIED EVENTUALLY FOR NPV WOULD ONLY GIVE VERY TEMPORARY RELIEF IN ONE LOCATION, WHILE AGGRAVATING PROBLEM IN OTHERS AND IN LONGER TERM

COMPROMISING USG ABILITY TO MEET SITUATION IN SEA. AS REF C NOTES, P-7 NUMBERS ARE CURRENT, AND THUS, IF THE APPLICANT CANNOT IN ANY TIME FRAME QUALIFY FOR NPV THEN CE CAN BE GRANTED WHATEVER THE ARRIVAL DATE IF DOCUMENTATION COMPLETED AND QUARTERLY QUOTA OF 300 NOT EXCEEDED FOR AREA. NOTHING IN REF D ESTABLISHING CE/NPV PROGRAM FOR BOAT CASES SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD TO PRECLUDE SEPARATE DEPARTURE TIMES FOR ELEMENTS OF EXTENDED FAMILY. FOR EXAMPLE, ALTHOUGH A PRINCIPAL APPLICANT MIGHT BE OBLIGED TO REMAIN IN FIRST ASYLUM UNTIL PRIORITY DATE REACHED FOR SPOUSE AND

MINOR CHILDREN, OTHER MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY WHO DO NOT QUALIFY FOR NPV BUT WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR CE MIGHT WELL MOVE ON TO U.S. EARLIER .

- 2. FOR GENEVA: DEPARTMENT IS DELIGHTED THAT DEP UNHCR MACE PLANNING VISIT BANGKOK JUNE 12 (REF F). MISSION SHOULD INFORM MACE AND STAFF OF SUBSTANCE OF REF A AND PROPOSE THAT MACE ARRANGE HIS SCHEDULE IN ORDER TO VISIT KUALA LUMPUR TO LEND SUPPORT TO SUMPATKUMAR'S EFFORTS TO FORSTALL HARDER LINE BY AUTHORITIES TOWARDS BOAT CASES.
- 3. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL IF UNHCR WOULD ASK AUSTRALIAN MISSION TO LOOK AT CRITICAL BOAT CASE SITUATION IN MALAYSIA AND CONSIDER DEVOTING AS LARGE A NUMBER OF SPACES IN ITS ENLARGED IMMIGRATION QUOTA AS POSSIBLE TO HELPING WITH THIS PROBLEM. A VISIT BY MACE TO CANBERRA TO CONGRATULATE AUSTRALIANS ON NEW PROGRAM UNCLASSIFIED

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AND NUDGE THEM IN THIS DIRECTION MIGHT ALSO BE IN ORDER. VANCE

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